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POTASH.

The announcement of the discovery of large natural deposits of potash in Cuba leads us to a compilation of the imports and consumption in the United States of potash in its various forms made by the Foreign Trade Department of the National City Bank of New York. The compilation shows that the average importation of potash in the years immediately preceding the war averaged about 20 million dollars a year, the total for the five years ending with 1915 being in round terms 50 million dollars, but have fallen since the war to about one-tenth of the normal.

As previously all of this came from Germany the quantity imported showed a marked decline in the second half of the calendar year 1914, the reduction for the full calendar year being about 35 per cent. when compared with 1913, while in 1915 the imports of this class in the years immediately preceding the war averaged about 10 per cent. of the normal. In value, however, the figures do not show as great a decline because of the advance in prices per unit of quantity.

The rapid decrease in the use of this material in the United States is shown by the fact that the total imports of potash in all forms was in the calendar year 1901 \$4,366,000; in 1909 \$7,635,000; 1910 \$8,364,000; 1911 \$8,132,000; 1912 \$10,702,000, falling to \$3,701,000 in 1914 and \$3,760,000 in 1915, while the average of the five years 1910 to 1914 was \$7,635,000. There are, however, some decreases in all classes of potash.

Next to the Geological Survey in co-operation with the chemical and manufacturing interests of the United States has been searching for natural deposits of minerals from which this material could be obtained, or products for its production from seaweed, and as by-products of the cement, iron and steel, and other industries. But the Geological Survey has a recent bulletin with reference to these efforts states that the production of potash salts in the United States in 1915 amounted to but \$342,000 even at the present high prices, or but about 3 1/2 per cent. of the normal imports prior to the war, and the Geological Survey states in a recent bulletin that the expense of obtaining potash from the minerals thus far tested has tended to discourage engineering and capitalists.

The principal uses of the potash imported in normal years were for fertilizers, explosives, glass manufacture and metallurgical industries. The sulphates, chlorides, nitrates and manure salts were used chiefly for fertilizers, the carbonate of potash in glass manufacture, cyanide in metallurgical industries, and nitrate of potash in the manufacture of explosives.

BUILDING NOTES

Thirty permits, totaling in value, \$65,482, were granted last night by the board of building commissioners as follows:

Two family house on the east side of Summerfield avenue for Samuel Aurilio.

Cottage on the north side of Amherst avenue for Samuel Aurilio.

One family house on the north side of Beechwood avenue for Julia W. Banks.

Two family house on the east side of Ridgefield avenue for William F. Chaffin.

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Second story addition to factory on the west side of Beechwood avenue for the A. H. Nelson Machine Co.

Frame cottage on the north side of Harlan avenue for Maria S. Costello.

Frame private garage on the west side of Carlton street for Helen L. Goldstein.

Frame garage on south side of Park avenue and Atwater street for John H. Greenwood.

Addition to garage on east side of Beechwood avenue for Mrs. Henshaw.

Two room house on north side of Brewster street for Paul Toth.

Frame garage on the west side of Willis street for G. Helen Jermain.

One story frame wood house at 219 Hollister avenue for Annie Gerber.

One story shoe maker shop on west side of Hancock avenue for Samuel Newman.

Frame cottage on east side of Harlan avenue for Albert Borg.

One story brick addition to private garage for Frederick Goulden.

Repairs after fire to building on west side of Knowlton street for J. A. Black Coal Co.

Office building on the north side of Blackman avenue for E. H. and C. B. March.

New York Stock Exchange Quotations

Reported over the private wires of T. L. Watson & Co., Bankers and Brokers, Corner Main and John Streets, Bridgeport, Conn. Members of New York Stock Exchange.

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1916.

Allis Chalmers	27 3/4
Allis Chalmers Pfd.	82 1/4
Am. Beet Sugar	97 1/4
Am. Car & Fwy.	66 1/4
Am. Car & Fwy. Pfd.	67 1/4
Am. Hide & Lea. Pfd.	78 1/4
Am. Locomotive	90 1/4
Atl. Gulf & W. Indies	114 1/4
Am. Smelt. & Re. Co.	112 1/4
Am. Sug. Refg. Co.	133 1/4
Am. Tel. & Tele.	48 1/4
Am. Woolen	13 1/4
Am. Zinc	13 1/4
Alaska Gold	87 1/4
Baldwin Locomotive	97 1/4
Anaconda Copper	106 1/4
Atch. T. & S. Fe.	89 1/4
Baltimore & Ohio	59 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	84 1/4
Brooklyn Rapid Trans.	84 1/4
Gen. Elec. & Equip.	138 1/4
Canadian Pacific	22 1/4
Calif. Petroleum	73 1/4
Can. Leather Co.	97 1/4
Chl. M. & St. Paul	12 1/4
Chl. & Great W.	38 1/4
Chl. & Great W. Pfd.	19 1/4
Chl. & Great W. Pac.	22 1/4
Chile Copper	57 1/4
Chino	67 1/4
Cheapeake & Ohio	140 1/4
Consolidated Gas	57 1/4
Col. Fuel & Iron	18 1/4
Corn Products	93 1/4
Corn Products Pfd.	93 1/4
Cruible Steel	64 1/4
Cuban Cane Sugar	152 1/4
Del. Hudson	40 1/4
Erle	55 1/4
Erle 1st Pfd.	182 1/4
General Electric	74 1/4
Goodrich Co.	119 1/4
Gt. Northern Pfd.	44 1/4
Gt. Northern Ore	51 1/4
Green Cananea	103 1/4
Ind. Alcohol	128 1/4
Inspiration Copper	68 1/4
International Nickel	53 1/4
Interborough Cons. Pfd.	46 1/4
Inter. Mer. Marine	17 1/4
Inter. Mer. Marine Pfd.	121 1/4
International Paper	28 1/4
Kansas City Sou.	56 1/4
Kennecott Copper	85 1/4
Lackawanna Steel	134 1/4
Louis. & Nashville	81 1/4
Lehigh Valley	94 1/4
Maxwell Motors	112 1/4
Mex. Petroleum	112 1/4
Missouri Pacific	39 1/4
Miami Copper	4 1/4
Mo. Kan. & Tex.	23 1/4
Nevada Cons.	71 1/4
National Lead Co.	123 1/4
Norfolk & Western	113 1/4
Northern Pacific	110 1/4
N. Y. Central	61 1/4
N. Y. N. H. & H.	27 1/4
N. Y. Ont. & West	58 1/4
Pennsylvania	60 1/4
Pressed Steel Car	112 1/4
Reading	76 1/4
Repub. Iron & Steel	53 1/4
Ry Steel Spring	53 1/4
Sloss Sheffield & Iron	102 1/4
Southern Pacific	26 1/4
Southern Railway Pfd.	68 1/4
Studebaker Corp'n.	131 1/4
Third Avenue	81 1/4
Tenn. Copper	25 1/4
Union Pacific	151 1/4
U. S. Rubber	6 1/4
U. S. Steel	116 1/4
U. S. Smelter	76 1/4
Utah Copper	96 1/4
Virginia Caro Chem.	44 1/4
Wabash	74 1/4
Wabash Pfd. A.	51 1/4
Wabash Pfd. B.	23 1/4
West. Union Tel.	104 1/4
Westinghouse Electric	64 1/4
Western Maryland	38 1/4
Willis Overland	45 1/4

BOSTON STOCKS.
Boston 1:30 p. m. Prices Reported
Over Private Wire of T. L. Watson & Co.

Arizona Com.	13
Am. Zinc	42 1/2
Alloues	70
Butte & Superior	61 1/2
Cal. & Hecla	70 1/2
Centennial	59
Copper Range	69 1/2
East Butte	16 1/2
Granby	94
Greene Cananea	94
Gulf	30 1/2
Hancock	15
Island Creek	42 1/2
Isle Royale	38 1/2
Lake	14 1/2
La Salle	5
Mayflower	1
Michigan	41 1/2
Mohawk	96
New Arcadian	15
North Butte	23 1/2
North Lake	2
Ojibwa	71
Old Dominion	16
Oreocla	90 1/2
Quincy	90 1/2
Saint Mary's	215 1/2
Superior	50
Superior & Boston	50
Tamarack	44
U. S. Smelting	76 1/2
U. S. Pfd.	52 1/2
Wolverine	49

Members of the Mexican-American joint commission decided to hold their last session at New London, Conn., tomorrow when they will adjourn until Monday to resume their conferences at Atlantic City.

Woman suffrage restoration of the state convention and the choice of presidential electors are the subject over which disputes are expected to develop at the Republican conference at Saratoga Thursday.

Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a Word.

BELGIUM COMING BACK INTO OWN, BARON DECLARES

Flemish Minister of Foreign Affairs Sees Complete Freedom in Future.

Havre, France, Sept. 27.—"Belgium will come back to her own, to her place in the sun, and to complete freedom and independence," said Baron Beyens, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium, in the course of an authorized interview given to The Associated Press.

Baron Beyens is one of the notable figures of the present war, for up to the beginning of the war he was the Belgian Minister at Berlin and went through the crisis culminating in the first blow at Belgium and the immediate entry of England, France, and all Europe into the seething struggle. Then, leaving Berlin, he entered the Belgian cabinet and since directed the foreign affairs of the country, finding time also to write a book which graphically describes "the week of tragedy" at the German capital when the British and French ambassadors and himself made their last attempts to prevent the European conflict.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where Baron Beyens was seen, is installed at St. Adresse, a suburb of Havre, in the Villa Hollandais, a rustic chalet occupied in ordinary times by seashore visitors, but now bearing on the outer wall a small placard reading: "Ministère des Affaires Étrangères de Belgique." A foreign office usually suggests marble halls and big diplomatic rooms with ambassadors sitting among oil paintings and mahogany furnishings. But the Villa Hollandais has nothing of this kind. Three small pine structures have been put up in the garden for various diplomatic and consular branches. Inside the villa there is the simplicity of a summer cottage, but everything is scrupulously well done and effective.

Baron Beyens expressed at the outset the deep sense of appreciation felt by Belgium toward the people of the United States, and, in particular, toward those who had directed the work of sending food-supplies to Belgium. "I am always glad to meet an American," said he, "and to express my gratitude to your people in general and to those who have literally saved our people from starvation. It is difficult for me to say how much we feel indebted to Mr. Hoover, head of the Committee directing the relief work of Belgium. He has proved himself a man of great resource and great ability in the gigantic task of providing for a whole nation which found itself suddenly cut off from its food supply at least with crustation. It was a task, moreover, requiring much diplomatic tact as well as business knowledge, for the Relief Committee was obliged to deal between the German officials on the one hand and the Allied officials on the other. But all this has been accomplished with infinite skill; obstacles which seemed at times insurmountable have been overcome, and practical results have been realized which are of the highest importance to Belgium and the Belgian people.

"The American Minister at Brussels, Mr. Brand Whitlock, has also won our unbounded admiration and respect in performing a work of colossal magnitude under most trying conditions. Remaining at Brussels while the government was constrained by circumstances to establish itself temporarily outside of Belgium, the American minister has been, with his courageous Spanish colleague, the bulwark between our citizens remaining in the invaded regions, and the German military and civil authorities temporarily in control. Outside of the horrors and atrocities of war which have been committed, the ordinary administration of civil affairs has been carried out with an iron hand and with rigorous harshness.

"In all this Minister Whitlock has stood between our people and the rigors of the German military administration, and such lenience as we have received has come largely through his energetic and discreet intervention.

"But," added the Minister, "the names of Americans who have shown this good-will toward Belgium in very practical ways is almost unlimited." Dr. Watson of the American Church at Paris, and Mrs. Watson, Mr. Bliss, the American Charge d'Affaires at Paris, and his wife, Mrs. Wharton the well-known American writer and many, very many others. To all of them Belgium is deeply thankful.

Turning now to international affairs, in which he had taken such an active part at the debut of the war, Baron Beyens went on:

"We had every reason to remain at peace with Germany. Belgium had no hostility to Germany. We had many Germans among us as you have in America, and many of our people spoke the German language. A spirit of good-feeling and of confidence prevailed, so far as we were concerned. I have reason to know this as I was Minister at Bern up to the opening of the war, and had opportunity to observe the mutual relations existing."

"Germany sought to spread the legend that Belgium had a secret treaty with England relating to Antwerp. But that is false. There is no such treaty, and never was such a treaty. Certainly if such documents existed I would know of it and I affirm to you on my honor, that it does not exist. No, the legend of the secret treaty is a pure invention set up to justify, in the eyes of the world, the crime against Belgium."


"In refusing the demand of Germany to cross Belgium, we were simply performing a duty. We were bound to act toward our German neighbor on the East just as we would have done toward our French neighbor to the West, for our duty and all our interests tended to maintain the same attitude toward the powerful neighbors on our two frontiers. Supported France had been the one to ask the right to cross Belgium and to attack Germany. We would have been bound to refuse it. And had such a

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demand ever been made, and ever been granted, what could Germany have said? It would have denounced us as violators of a treaty, and as false and dishonorable. Doubtless the world would have agreed with this view, had Belgium taken such a course.

"But, happily, this contingency did not arise. France never sought to enter Belgium. Yet here again Germany has sought to set up a legend that French designs on Belgium led to the German invasion of the country. But that legend has been abundantly disproven. No, Germany's course in entering Belgium was purely a strategic military operation, carefully planned long in advance, and without the slightest justification of being a defensive move against French design. Against that, our King and government took the only path open to them, the path of honor. There was nothing remaining but to defend our freedom, sword in hand, at the price of the nation's best blood—a freedom that the Germans, after defeating France, would have withheld from us all the more scornfully had we been weak enough to listen to them and cowardly enough to obey them.

"But Belgium will have her compensations when her complete independence and freedom are established as part of the peace settlement and an adequate indemnity has been provided for her and the time of reckoning is fast approaching. Roumania is the latest to speak and to cast the weight of her influence and power in the balance on the side of the Allies. Belgium has shaped her course, and with the powerful support of her Allies—England, France, Russia, Italy, Japan, Portugal, Serbia and now Roumania—she will sustain her part of the burden of war to the very end. Belgium will come back to her own, in her place in the sun, and to complete freedom and independence."

Augustine Lonergan Unanimously Chosen to Run For Congress

Hartford, Sept. 27.—An unanimous nomination for representative in Congress from the first district was given Augustine Lonergan, of this city at the Democratic convention in this city today. Mr. Lonergan is a speech of acceptance championed by the late President Wilson and while expressing a desire to keep his campaign free of personalities, declared he would call his Republican opponent to account for his votes.

Ex-Senator George M. Landers, in placing Mr. Lonergan's name before the convention, attacked the spending of thousands of dollars by two leading candidates in the campaign for the Republican nomination for governor. He said it was the Democrats and not the Republicans in this state who were today leading the way to better and cleaner politics. The delegates were entertained by the nominee, following adjournment, at a local hotel.

BRITISH NAVAL BASES TARGETS IN AIR ATTACKS

Berlin, Sept. 27. By Wireless to Sayville.—The British naval base of Portsmouth and military establishments near the mouth of the Thames and at North Shields, Lincoln and Derby were attacked by Zeppelins which raided England on Monday night, the English naval port of Portsmouth, a fortified place near the mouth of the Thames and industrial and railroad establishments of military importance.

"On the night of Sept. 25-26 several German airships bombarded extensively and with visible success with explosive and incendiary bombs, the English naval port of Portsmouth, a fortified place near the mouth of the Thames and industrial and railroad establishments of military importance.

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In middle England, including North Shields, Lincoln and Derby. The airships returned unharmed, notwithstanding strong attacks of anti-aircraft guns.

STOCK MARKET

New York, Sept. 27.—Opening—Investment shares dominated today's early active operations with further substantial gains in rails. There were many transactions embracing single blocks of 1,000 to 4,500 shares in Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Pennsylvania, Reading and New York Central at advances extending from fractions to over a point. Coppers also were in renewed favor, with such industries as United States Steel, Crucible and Republic Steels, Colorado Fuel, and General Electric, the leader at an advance of several points. Texas Company was the only active stock to display heaviness, yielding 8 points.

Noon.—The pace set by rails at the outset was more than maintained, leaders of that group increasing their advances to levels that placed them at highest quotations for the past year or two while Reading at 115 1/2, made a new record. Union Pacific was the most active stock of the first hour, in which sales were greatly increased. Gains in rails ran to 2 points in many issues with an increasing demand. Shipping shares rose substantially. Realizing provoked moderate reactions before noon. Bonds were firm.

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MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1916

FAILURE to do so will compel the Assessors to make out such list from the best information obtainable, to which a penalty of ten per cent. will be added as by the law required. Each parcel of Real Estate must be described by metes and bounds; by street number or lot number; all buildings thereon must be entered separately from the land.

FAILURE TO FILE A LIST deprives the owner of the right to appeal to the BOARD OF RELIEF.
Hours: 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. daily. Saturdays 9 A. M. to 12 M.
BOARD OF ASSESSORS.
Bridgeport, Conn., August 24, 1916.
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